

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 8, 9, 13-17, 19, 33-36, and 38-44 are pending. Claims 2-4, 8, 9, 13-17, 19, and 33-36 have been rejected. Claim 33 has been amended. Claim 36 has been canceled. The allowance of Claims 38-44 and the indication of allowability of Claim 36 are noted with appreciation. Reconsideration and allowance of Claims 2-4, 8, 9, 13-17, 19, 33-35, and 38-44 in view of the above amendment and following remarks are respectfully requested.

Entry of Amendment Requested

Entry of this amendment after final rejection is respectfully requested. Applicants believe that, as indicated by the Examiner, amending Claim 33 by including the recitation of Claim 36 places the application in condition for allowance. Applicants believe that the amendment does not raise the issue of new matter and does not issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

The Rejection of Claims 2-4, 8-10, 13-15, 19, and 33-35 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 2-4, 8-10, 13-15, and 33-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,210,717, issued to Choi et al. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

Claim 33 is the independent claim from which Claims 2-4, 8, 9, 13-15, and 33-35 depend. Claim 33 has been amended to include the recitation of Claim 36. In view of the amendment to Claim 33, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Rejection of Claims 2-4, 8-10, 13-15, 19, and 33-35 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)/103(a)

Claims 2-4, 8-10, 13-15, 19, and 33-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,210,717, issued to Choi et al. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

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Claim 33 is the independent claim from which Claims 2-4, 8-10, 13-15, 19, and 33-35 depend. Claim 33 has been amended to include the recitation of Claim 36. In view of the amendment to Claim 33, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and foregoing remarks, applicants believe that Claims 2-4, 8, 9, 13-17, 19, 33-35, and 38-44 are in condition for allowance. If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' attorney at 206.695.1755.

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